PMT Scandal in BHU

†697. CHAUDHARY CHUNNILAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn towards the news-item captioned, "B.H.U. prashasan kee Laparvahi se hui PMT. Dhandhali" appearing in the Hindustan dated 7th July, 2000; and

(b) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA] (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has informed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development that the Banaras Hindu University has initiated Departmental action in the matter promptly and at present the matter is sub-judice before the Local Court and Hon'ble High Court at Allahabad.

Review of working of Blood Banks

698. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently undertaken a comprehensive review of the working of Blood Banks in the country, in the wake of emerging threat from AIDS/HIV;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, by standard norms;

(c) whether Government have set up a Committee to go into the working of Blood Banks in urban and rural in States and suggest appropriate changes in the system and administration of Blood Bank network at State and Apex level, to ensure adequate and quality blood, properly screened before transfusion; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.